

## **K-1 Rideshare Opportunities**

The Future Is Reusable Aerospace Vehicles



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### **The Opportunity**

- Kistler awarded \$135 million Flight Demonstration contract for NASA Space Launch Initiative (SLI), including options
  - First 4 K-1 flights demonstrate embedded RLV technologies
  - Add-on flight options demonstrate RLV technology experiments
- Rideshare available on:
  - K-1 flights #2 #4 ( $\sim 2^{nd}$  half of 2002 to early 2003)
  - Add-on experiment flight options (~ early 2003 to mid 2005)
  - Future K-1 flights
- Up to 7,000 lbs (3,175 kg) payload in K-1 Standard Payload Module







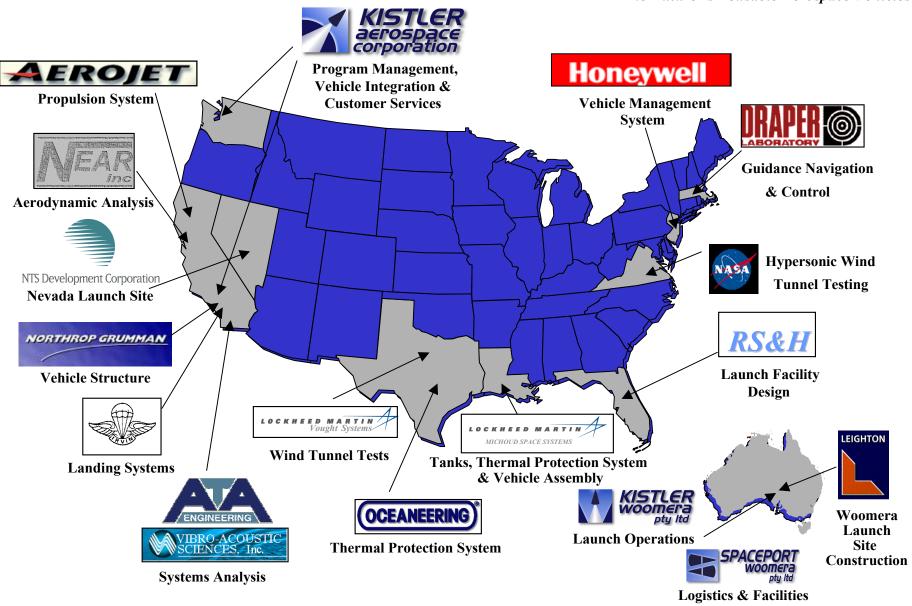
#### **K-1 Vehicle Overview**



- Two Stage Fully Reusable Vehicle
- Both Stages Return to Launch Site
  - 6000 ft landing site
  - Parachutes/airbags
- Schedule Flexibility
  - 9 day turnaround
  - 3 day response time
  - 52 flights/year with 5 vehicle fleet
- Payload Module Removed for Parallel Spacecraft Integration/Encapsulation
- Horizontal Vehicle Processing and Checkout
- Vehicle Health Monitoring System
- Low-Cost Highly Reliable, Proven Technologies



### **K-1 Contractor Team**





### **K-1 Program Status**

- K-1 vehicle ready for integration and launch
  - 75% hardware, 85% design, 100% software complete
- First two flight tests fully insured
- Diversified market to include MEO / GEO payloads and ISS resupply
- Contracts:
  - Space Systems / Loral for 10 launches
  - NASA \$135 million flight demonstration contract



6-parachute drop test of first stage return



K-1 LOX Tank

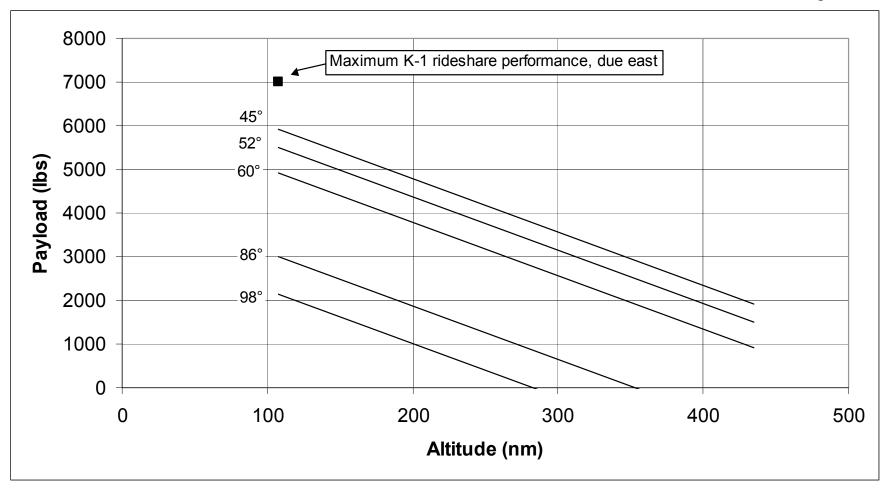


First Stage Mid-Body in Final Assembly



# K-1 Performance Available for Rideshare on NASA Flights

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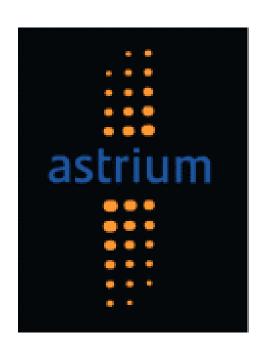


This K-1 performance chart applies to rideshare payloads on Space Launch Initiative (SLI) flights ONLY. It accounts for the mass of experiments and instrumentation to support the SLI primary mission.



### **Astrium Multiple Payload Adapter System**

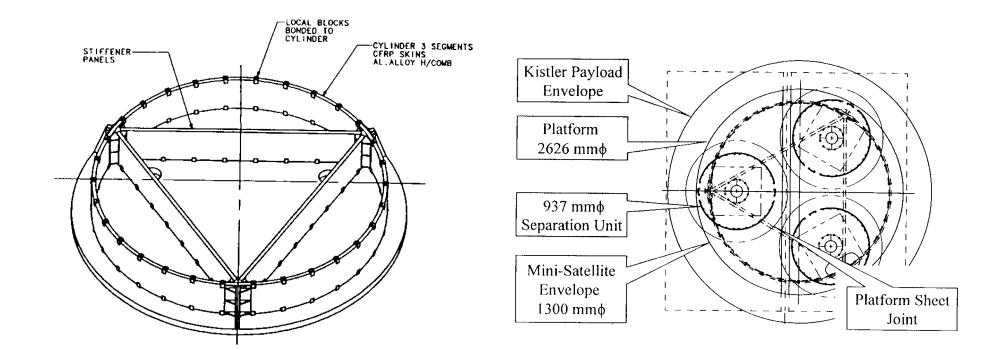
- Astrium Ltd.
  - Formerly Matra Marconi Space UK
  - Industry leader in secondary payload adapters through Ariane
- Kistler and Astrium Ltd. have signed a Memorandum of Understanding to develop reusable Multiple Payload Adapter Systems (MPAS) for the K-1
- MPAS-1
  - 3 minisatellites (<500 kg each) on dedicated flight
- MPAS-2
  - Up to 8 microsatellites (<125 kg each) plus primary
- Potential dispensers for flights #2-#4





### **MPAS-1**

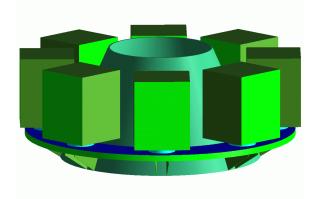
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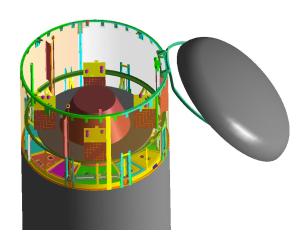
Flies 3 mini satellites on dedicated K-1 flight



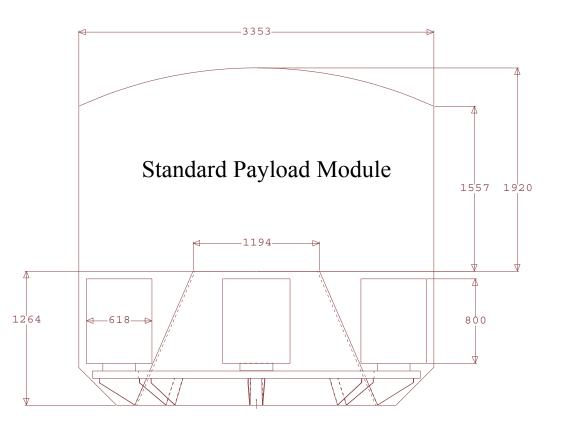
### **MPAS-2**



8 representative microsatellites arranged on MPAS-2 surrounding primary adapter



Cutaway showing MPAS-2 with 4 microsatellites in K-1 Standard Payload Module without primary



Dynamic Envelope (measurements in mm)



### **Next Steps**

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- NASA has first right to reserve rideshare space on SLI flights
- Interested parties should talk to Kistler and fill out payload questionnaire
- Evaluation phase open until ~ 4Q 2001
- Launch contracts signed after evaluation phase
- First launches mid 2002 early 2003

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